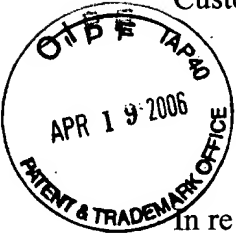


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed February 21, 2006 ("Office Action"), to which a response is due without an extension by May 21, 2006, please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested because they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.